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SUBJ: MEETING BETWEEN CLARK CLIFFORD AND NATO SECRETARY
GENERAL LUNS

1. NATO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS MET APRIL 11 WITH PRESI-
DENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE CLARK CLIFFORD. COUNSELOR
NIMETZ, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN AND EUR/SE DIRECTOR
LEDSKY ALSO PRESENT.

2. CLIFFORD REVIEWED TRIP HE UNDERTOOK ON BEHALF OF PRESI-
DENT TO EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN IN LATE FEBRUARY ALONG
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GENERAL LINES OF BRIEFING PROVIDED LUNS THROUGH MISSION LAST
MONTH. ON AEGEAN, CLIFFORD SAID HE HAD COUNSELED RESTRAINT
BUT HAD MADE CLEAR US WILLINGNESS TO HELP RESOLVE DIFFER-
ENCES BETWEEN TWO NATO ALLIES IF WE WERE ASKED. ON CYPRUS,
CLIFFORD SAID VIENNA TALKS HAD MADE VERY LIMITED PROGRESS.
HE BELIEVED STRONGLY THAT SETTLEMENT WOULD HELP IMPROVE
OVERALL GREEK/TURKISH CLIMATE AND THEREFORE HE HAD

EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE IN BOTH ATHENS AND ANKARA THAT GOG AND GOT WOULD DO ALL THEY POSSIBLY COULD TO ADVANCE A SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM.

3. LUNS NOTED HIS WATCHING BRIEF FOR GREEK/TURKISH RELATIONS WHICH HE SAID WAS SOMEWHAT DORMANT, PRIMARILY BECAUSE

OF GREEK ATTITUDES. HE RECOUNTED HIS PERSONAL EFFORTS SINCE 1974 TO RESTORE IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH GREEKS IN WHICH HE FELT HE HAD MADE SOME PROGRESS. LUNS MADE CLEAR HIS CONTINUED BELIEF THAT US RESTRICTIONS ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY WERE A MISTAKE AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF US-TURKEY DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT (DCA) WOULD BE IN INTEREST OF ALLIANCE AS WELL AS TWO COUNTRIES.

4. CLIFFORD SAID HE AGREED THAT DCA WAS CORRECT BASIS FOR RESTORING US-TURKEY SECURITY RELATIONSHIP BUT THAT IN HIS JUDGMENT AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE GOTTEN THROUGH CONGRESS UNTIL SITUATION HAD IMPROVED, I.E. UNTIL CYPRUS SETTLEMENT WAS CLOSER TO REALITY THAN WAS NOW THE CASE. TO CONGRESS, AEGEAN WAS ALSO IMPORTANT BUT LESS SO THAN CYPRUS. CLIFFORD SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW IF OVERALL SITUATION IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN IMPROVED, CONGRESS WOULD ACCEPT TURKISH DCA IF STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY ADMINISTRATION EVEN IF GREEK DCA HAD NOT YET BEEN CONCLUDED.

5. LUNS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR FULL CLIFFORD EXPOSITION AND SAID HE WOULD MAKE VERY GENERAL REPORT ON CONVERSATION
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ON HIS RETURN TO BRUSSELS.
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